

Application No.: 10/756,982
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 5-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Saito (U.S. 6,456,246). The rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In response to the first Official Action, Applicants amended claim 5 to recite:

... wherein said first and second antenna elements each have an electrical length of over $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength.

In response to the Amendment, the Examiner revised the previous rejection to now refer to the Saito Patent at column 5, lines 25-32. (Column 1 was referred to in the Official Action - It is assumed that this was a typing error and column 5 was intended). Applicants' representative has reviewed the Saito Patent at column 5, lines 25-32 and has not found any disclosure of "antenna elements each have an electrical length of over $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength."

The Examiner is respectfully requested to state on the record where Saito is believed to disclose that the antenna elements shown in Figures 3A and 3b are each $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength. Absent of such disclosure, allowance of claim 5 is respectfully requested.

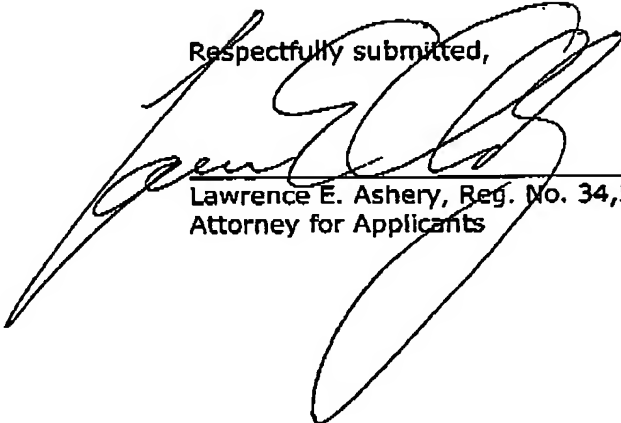
Claims 6 and 7 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 5.

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Allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

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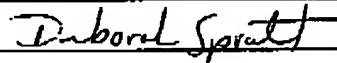
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